SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 326 Optometry by Senator Dean

Requires the Board of Optometry to adopt rules governing the administration and prescription of oral ocular pharmaceutical agents. Requires an advisory committee to review requests for additions to, deletions from, or modifications of a formulary of topical and oral ocular pharmaceutical agents. Requires that the formulary consist of topical and oral ocular pharmaceutical agents and those pharmaceutical agents appropriate to treat and diagnose ocular disease or disorders within the scope of optometric practice.

Redefines the term "practitioner," for purposes of the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, to include optometrists certified under the provisions relating to optometry to administer and prescribe topical and oral ocular pharmaceutical agents. Prohibits a certified optometrist from administering and prescribing any controlled substances listed in Schedule I or Schedule II. (See bill for details)